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In re Patent Application of )  
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Application No.: 09/836,439 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: April 17, 2001 )  
For: GENE THERAPY WITH CHIMERIC )  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES )  
DELIVERED BY A METHOD )  
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the specification and claims as follows.

In the Specification:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Iontophoresis is a technique which was proposed in 1747 by Verrati and consists in the administration, in particular of medicaments, into the body through the tissues using an electric field involving a small voltage. An electrode is arranged at the site to be treated while a second electrode, intended to close the electric circuit, is placed at another site on the body. The electric field facilitates the migration of the active products, and/or increase

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